

# South County Travel Corridor Planner Workshop

Planner Workshop May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2003 1:00 am - 3:30pm

## Facility Studied Route 1

- Boundaries. Westerly to North kingstown
- Users and functions. Commuter, Tourists (Beaches, Block Island, Jamestown/Newport), URI students/Faculty Personal Business, shopping/visiting, etc.), Recreation (Bike/Ped), School Buses

### Major Nodes and Intersections.

- Routes 78,
- 2 (CT.)
- 138,
- 112/2,
- 216,
- 110,
- 108,
- 4,
- Steadman Govt. Ctr.,
- So. County Commons,
- Prout school,
- Old Tower Hill Road/Main St. Wakefield,
- Narragansett exits (summer),
- All beach exits (summer)

### Major Traffic Generators.

- South County Beaches/State Parks,
- Downtown Westerly/Pawcatuck, Wakefield/Narragansett,
- URI/Ryan Center,
- Newport/Jamestown,
- Block Island,
- Big Box Retail @ Rt. 78/Airport Rd. and
- Dunn's Corner,
- Westerly/So. Kingstown Hospitals,
- So. Shore Mental Health Fac.,
- Ninnigret,
- Providence (Commuters),
- Ct. Casino's,
- New London/Groton (Commuters)

### Major developments.

- So. County Commons,
- Dunn's Corner Walmart expansion,
- Home Improvement Superstores @ Rt. 78/Airport Rd.,
- Westerly Middle School (Sherwood Hills area,
- Low/Mod Income Housing Projects @ Kings Factory Rd and Dunn's Corner,

- Bradley School ( north of So. Cnty. Commons),
- 170 Elderly Housing Townhouses (south of So. Cnty. Commons),
- Potential 3<sup>rd</sup> Casino in No. Stonington

**“At Risk” Areas.**

- RIDOT Open Space Strips Along Rt. 1,
- All other Open Space ,
- Zanella Farm @ Rt. 78/Airport Rd. – Proposed Re-Zoning,
- West Side of No. Kingstown Zoned Residential

**Assets to Protect.**

- Designated Scenic Views (Salt Ponds west to Dunn’s Corner),
- Rural Character,
- Downtown Westerly,
- State Park/Mgmnt. Areas

## **Facility Studied. Route 138**

- Boundaries. Exeter to South Kingstown and No. Kingstown to Jamestown
- Users and functions. Commuters, URI Students/Faculty, Tourists, Bike/Ped.

### **Major Nodes and Intersections.**

- Jamestown Bridge,
- Richmond/Hopkinton Line,
- Route 108 intersection,
- Tower Hill/Rt. 1,
- Rt. 2,
- Upper College Rd.,
- Plains Rd.,
- Kingston Rail Station,
- Rt. 112,
- I-95/Stillson Rd.,
- Rt. 3,
- Rt. 1A,
- North Rd. (Jamestown)

### **Major Traffic Generators.**

- Newport/Navy/Cape Cod,
- Wyoming/Hope Valley Commercial Strip,
- South Cnty Beaches,
- URI/Ryan Ctr.,
- APC,
- Wood River Health Svc's,
- Wash Cnty. Fairgrounds,
- Canonchet Cliffs Senior Housing,
- Chariho Schools,
- 6 public golf courses,
- Ct. casino's,
- Bay Campus

### **Major Developments.**

- South Woods residential development (50 single family) @ Broad Rock Rd.,
- URI Housing/Senior Housing/golf course (500-700 units@ Peckham Farm Rd.),
- Exit 3 mixed use area,
- Richmond Commons (550 acres between Rt. 112 & I-95 – 1,000 seniors/500 res. Units, 2,000,000 Sq.Ft of LI/Ind.
- URI Freshman class increasing by 1,000 students

### **“At Risk” Areas.**

- Meyer Property,
- Alliar Property (30 acres between Broadrock/Rose Hill)
- Former Champions Bar property at Tower Hill,
- DOT condemnation properties (town seeks preservation,

- Golf Courses,
- Meadowbrook flood plain,
- Farmers Daughter.
- Assets to Protect.
- Kingston Village,
- Meyer property @ Rose Hill Rd., Peckham Farm (URI),
- Main St. in Hope Valley,
- 2 large farms in Jamestown/view from Newport Br.,
- Rural character/scenic corridor in Jamestown,
- Richmond farms,
- golf courses,
- Meadowbrook watershed,
- rural character.
- North/south trail,
- RIDEM trailways,
- Acadia/Carolina Mgmt. Areas.

## **Facility Studied. Route 102**

- Boundaries. West Greenwich to North Kingstown
- Users and functions. Commuters, Bike/Ped, Ladd School students/faculty

### **Major Nodes and Intersections.**

- Rt. 2,
- Rt. 4,
- Rt. 3,
- I-95

### **Major Traffic Generators.**

- Wickford Jctn. Plaza,
- Home depot/ Fiddlesticks,
- Wickford,
- URI – routing traffic from Rt. 2 to Rt. 102 to Rt. 4,
- Meadows office complex,
- Antique Shops along Rt. 102,
- Lafayette Mill,
- Quonset,
- Marthas Vineyard ferry,
- Public schools

### **Major developments.**

- Wickford Jctn. Commuter Rail,
- Dunkin Donuts,
- Bank Site,
- 2 office sites,
- Mini storage,
- Exeter Mall,
- Ladd School.

### **Assets to Protect.**

- Lafayette Mill,
- Old mill houses/Rodman homes,
- Exeter portion of Rt. 102,
- Scenic Hwy ( between Rt. 2 & Rt. 3 is designated “Scenic”)

### **“At Risk” Areas.**

- Proposed Shaws @ Fiddlesticks site with 1 other pad site,
- 2 pad sites available in wickford Jctn. Plaza,
- Bald Hill Nurseries,
- Area around I-95 exit.

## South County Corridor

### **Define Study Area Boundaries:**

- Include Rt. 2 intersection in Pawcatuck, CT. and Rt. 2/Rt. 78 in Stonington, CT.
- Include Rt. 1A in Narragansett/No. Kingstown

### **Data Collection Needs:**

- ConnDOT ADT, etc.
- Location of employment Centers
- Bike Counts ( especially Charlestown/Westerly

### **Areas That Need Work:**

- Redesign/retrofit older commercial strips
  - Landscaping
  - Access Mgmt.
  - Consider Re-zoning/Comp. Plan Amendments
- Construct more roundabouts
- Address poor storm drainage along Rt. 1 & 1A
- Improve lane marking visibility, (Very poor night-time visibility especially with lots of heavy fog/mist)
- Improve dangerous turnarounds
- Preserve historic Charlestown village district (Rt. 1A)